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THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL AND THE VALLEY FORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sesqui-Centennial Year is here, and is undoubtedly one of the greatest opportunities for the deepening of patriotism this Country has ever had. It tells of One Hundred and Fifty Years of our Nation's Progress--a Progress so great, so marvelous that the story of it stirs the heart, kindles the imagination and moves the will to greater endeavor.

Valley Forge should be in the fore-front of the new movement. Its history written in blood and sealed in death, has an unchallenged place among the most glorious achievements of the world. But Valley Forge lives not only in memory. It lives where hearts beat true, where souls aspire to real greatness.

To witness to the glorious past of Valley Forge, the Valley Forge Historical Society stands pledged. In its great historical collections is the tangible evidence of the men and of the times, of suffering to full measure, of service to the utmost ability, and of sacrifice even of life itself. No history of Valley Forge that has been penned can equal that which is told by Washington's Marquee, his Commander-in-Chief's Standard, his personal belongings, or in the priceless relics of his beloved soldiery for whom he slaved and prayed, and prayed and slaved.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History which did a great work for the Nation in the World War, when thousands of men and women in the service of their Country saw a larger vision of their Nation's history and destiny in the crowded rooms which so poorly housed the treasures.

There are three large rooms now, but these, filled as they are, hold only a small fraction of the ever growing collections. Our store house, built as an annex was full two years ago, but we are still adding to its valuable contents. Why increase the collections when there is no room, some one may ask. Our answer is that the chance to secure a relic does not tarry one's inactivity, especially in a land where museums are being built with such great rapidity, and where the number of private collections is multiplying so fast. In the second place, we have a firm belief in the American people, and a great hope that they will find the space for the exhibition of a collection of relics representing this great history. Poorer collections, less representative collections are splendidly housed and beautifully exhibited in many a community of far less national importance than Valley Forge. We await, more or less patiently, the dawn of Valley Forge's great day. Patiently or impatiently, we never wait idly, nor

should we. We know that our Valley Forge Museum of American History has collections of the greatest historic value. We know that no museum has a more patriotic purpose, or a more comprehensive plan. We know that no museum has such an historic atmosphere. Americans at Valley Forge breathe history, think history, live history.

The Nation should do something! The State should do something! Please, please pause. The National Museum is hampered because it is a Government institution, and the State Museum is dwarfed because it is a State institution. The Valley Forge Museum is national in the finest sense, because it represents the Nation's history and is the free-will work of the people of the Nation. It must not be dominated by any State, not even by the State of Pennsylvania. It is free from politics. It is a Museum of the people, for the people, and controlled by the people.

We are often asked, "Why don't Mr. A. or Mrs. Z. build you a great museum building?" We don't know. Probably each has some object more appealing, or perhaps neither thought of it. We do not know, and we really waste little time in wondering, for we have none to lose if this great work is to go forward. Here is a better line of thought, we believe. Why don't YOU BUILD THE MUSEUM? YOU ARE AN AMERICAN. YOU SEE THE NEED. YOU SEE THE OPPORTUNITY. LET US ARISE AND BUILD THE VALLEY FORGE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY—TODAY FOR TOMORROW,—TODAY FOR YOUR NATION. YOU AND I CAN BUILD IT.

First, just a little arithmetic, Museums cost money and take time to build. It is therefore a problem of dollars and hours.

Let us take the latter first. June 1, or rather May 31, the Sesqui-Centennial will open. Even before that time visitors will be at Valley Forge,—thousands and thousands of them eager to see all that can be seen, and what we have and what they should see is in storage. As in Philadelphia so at Valley Forge valuable time has been lost and at neither place can it be made up, but we are not going to cry over spilled milk. It takes too much time, is too discouraging and accomplishes nothing.

WE HAVE THE TIME TO DO TWO THINGS:

1st. to enlarge the Washington Room to its full size.

2nd. to erect a large steel Museum to the north of the Patriots' Hall, capable of holding all our relics and of accommodating our visitors.

WE HAVE THE TIME IF YOU ACT TODAY

Perhaps you are not a mason, or a steel worker, or a painter, or a builder of any kind. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Well the greatest factor in building, even greater than TIME is MONEY.

"Of course!" you say, "Money again." You may even add, "That sounds like a preacher, always harping upon money." Having allowed you such delicious relief to your feelings, please allow me to talk business with you. Our business, as I see it at this minute, yours and mine, is to make our Valley Forge Museum a factor in a great national movement, and what we do we must do TODAY. That involves MONEY your money, and my money, and probably more of mine than of yours, at least in

proportion. Our Treasurer tells us we have 875 Active Members and 1633 Associate Members a total of 2508.

If we add our Life Patrons, and our Perpetual Patrons. for they surely will not want to be omitted in our greatest undertaking we will have a grand total of 2508 plus 175 plus 23 making 2706 PATRIOTIC AMERICANS.

If each will give One Dollar we will have $2,706 for immediate use, enough to put in the entire permanent floor of the Washington Room, and complete the basement, which you know is used for the exhibition of the wonderful Schollenberger Collection of China. If instead of One Dollar each member will give Three Dollars we can complete the Washington Room.

Of course this means Three Dollars from every member, and at once. What Five Dollars each or Ten Dollars each, will do we ask you to calculate and act accordingly for YOUR NATION.

But this is the SESQUI-CENTENNIAL YEAR. That means that it is the psychologic time for gaining NEW MEMBERS. Our neighbors are reading and thinking history. The historic and the patriotic interests are aroused, and an invitation to become a member of the Valley Forge Historical Society offers an expression for the thought and feeling created by the GREAT NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY. Explain the National Character of our Society, its National Purpose, and its National Achievement. It seeks to commemorate the past, to perpetuate the work of its Patriots and to preserve the spirit of Patriotism. Every member has the honor of being a creater of the great Valley Forge Museum of American History.

There are many in your Community who will be grateful to you for the invitation to unite with you in your great patriotic enterprise. Remember you are conferring a favor not asking one every time you invite a fellow American to unite with you in this great work for the NATION.

Again, we remind you that the time is short. By the first of May we should have at least 10,000 members, or better 15,000 and that is only 100 for each of the 150 Golden Years of Independence. And that is possible if YOU add six new members. It is not a large number. One school boy in Philadelphia visited the Museum, learned about the Legion, and in a short time had enrolled 300 members! If you can not secure Six members, interest TWO of your friends, and ask each to secure TWO members. Surely you have that many friends whom you desire to favor. We will send at once notices of election to all you desire, or you can collect their dues, and send the names, addresses and checks to Society's Office, Valley Forge.

Please remember that this work is cumulative, for the New Members will gain other New Members. 15,000 may seem like a great advance, but really the Valley Forge Historical Society should have a membership of 150,000 before the SESQUI-CENTENNIAL YEAR closes, a THOUSAND MEMBERS FOR EVERY GOLDEN YEAR OF NATIONAL FREEDOM.

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR THE NATION? DO IT NOW.

A MAINE STATE SUNDAY CHORISTERSHIP

The first Maine State Sunday Choristership has been endowed by Mrs. Mae G. Thomas in memory of her mother, Prudence Weymouth, who died November 12, 1924. The income of the Fifty Dollars will be given to the Chorister who is honored by serving as The Prudence Weymouth Chorister on Maine State Sunday every year. He will wear a red, white and blue ribbon from which will be suspended the silver memorial cross engraved with the following inscription: Prudence Weymouth Memorial Choristership

Died November 12, 1924.

It is hoped that other Maine State Choristerships will now be endowed, following the patriotic example set by Mrs. Thomas.

THE KENTUCKY STATE FLAG

The Kentucky State Flag has been presented to the Chapel by the Kentucky State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. The Kentucky State Flag is a beautiful piece of art work, and was made for the Society by The Horstmann Uniform Company, of Philadelphia, which has made nearly all the Chapel flags. On Kentucky State Sunday, April 18th, the flag will be used for the first time. It is hoped that before that date some individual, society, or groups of individuals or societies will give the uniforms of the Kentucky State Color Guard in the sum of $450.00, including the Endowment.

YOUR ADDRESSES, PLEASE.

Complaints have come to the office about wrong addresses. Will you help us by sending us your correct address, and correct the addresses of your friends inthe Society? This will help us to have a perfect list of addresses. Please notify us promptly of any change of address.

THE LAFAYETTE BAY

On Lafayette's Birthday 1925 ground was formally broken for the Lafayette Bay in the Porch of the Allies. The address on this happy occasion was made by Walter Ross McShea, Esq.. He paid tribute to the memory of Lafayette, and to the French people, and told of his father's admiration for both on account of their great services rendered to the struggling patriots of America. Mr. McShea said he and his Mother had selected the Lafayette Bay as a memorial as the fitting expression of this admiration and the ideals of his father, the late Stewart R. McShea.

Work on the Lafayette Bay has been unavoidably delayed, but it is hoped now to have it erected before the anniversary of the celebration of the French Alliance by Washington and his Army, May 6.

The Lafayette Bay will form the main entrance to the Patriots' Hall and will be one of the most imposing museum entrances in the world. The Society is to be congratulated on having two such patriotic and generous members as Mrs. McShea and her son.

THE DE KALB BAY

The erection of the Von Steuben Bay, given by Henry M. Justi in memory of his father Henry D. Justi and in honor of Washington's great drill master was the beginning of a new era at Valley Forge, for with it the Porch of the Allies was begun. This will extend along the front of the Patriots' Hall from the Chapel to the Robert Morris Tower. The gift of the Lafayette Bay by Walter Ross McShea, Esq. and Mrs. Stewart R. McShea makes it necessary to build the De Kalb Bay, or at least a part of it, to take the thrust of the vaulted stone ceiling. DeKalb who did so much for the Nation, and gave his life in sacrifice for us in the battle of Camden, has not been honored as he should have been by America. He was here at Valley Forge and shared with Washington and his troops the suffering of that trying time.

Last year Dr. Burk appealed to the members of the Society asking for funds, suggesting these lines along which the members could work for the erection of the DeKalb Bay:

1. Gifts for the DeKalb Bay;
2. The addition of New Members;
3. The Payment of dues in advance. Of course the appeal was sent out at a bad time, in the summer when many of our members are away on their vacations. While many gave generously many more did not give at all. In spite of this, through the generosity of those who did give, we were able to raise $1778.00 Unfortunately the erection of the Von Steuben Bay cost $10,000.00.

This work should go on, and the DeKalb Bay should be built in tribute to this great martyr to American freedom. We believe that some individual or society will desire to give this Bay as a memorial, and in that case, all the money we give now will be returned to the Society either to be used for the extension of its work or as an endowment fund, as the donors decide. In the mean while the work should go on in justice to Mr. Justi and Mr. and Mrs. McShea.

We will be very glad to continue the work for this Bay along the lines suggested, or let us make one great effort and erect this Bay, enlarge the Museum and add a steel addition, as we have already suggested. We have a great body of real Patriots, capable of great endeavors, and surely this is the time, the crisis, in which to show what we can do. Talk and gestures will not do much, but real work will count. Let us mark this great anniversary by a superb achievement. We publish the Treasurer's list of Donors in the DeKalb Bay, as follows:

Mrs. W. Herbert Burk	$ 5.00	Mr. Edward A. Schmidt	5.00
Rev. W. Herbert Burk, D. D.	5.00	Mr. Samuel Horner, Jr.	5.00
Mr. Stewart A. Jellett	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Morris	10.00
Mr. John Cromwell Bell	5.00	Mrs. Harry Brocklehurst	5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. King	5.00	Mrs. Ludlow Barker	5.00
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Mr. Joseph H. Bromley	5.00		

Miss Edith D. Kingsbury	5.00
Mr. J. W. Walker	5.00
Mr. Lawrence J. Morris	5.00
In memory of Mrs. James M. Montgomery given by Mr. James M. Montgomery	25.00
Mr. W. C. Spurance	5.00
Miss Anna J. W. Williamson	5.00
Mr. J. V. Hastings	5.00
Mrs Lewis M. Grey	5.00
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Mrs. W. L. Supplee	5.00
Mrs. John R. Wells	5.00
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Miss Mary Louise Stark	5.00
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Mr. Henry A. Collins	5.00
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Mrs. Mary Farnum Woodward	5.00
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Mrs. Mary D. Owen-Chahoon	5.00
Mrs. Mary S. Barker	5.00
Mrs. Thomas S. Maxey	5.00
Miss Caroline M. Campbell	5.00
Miss Mary T. Failing	5.00
Mr. William T. Fields	5.00
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Mrs. Walter Godley	5.00
Mr. Charles Warner	5.00
Mrs. Stewart B. Clark	5.00
Mr. Eugene A. Rau	20.00
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Mrs. J. Bertram Lippincott	5.00
Miss Esther L. Griffin	5.00
Mrs Edward Bioren Getze	5.00
Mrs. James Rawle	5.00
Mr. Nathan T. Folwell	5.00
Mr. Arthur Emmons Pearson	20.00
Mr. Charles B. Van Eschenbach	5.00
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Mr. Samuel Irvin	5.00
Mrs. Emma St. C. deRaismes	5.00

From a friend-sent by Miss Helen A. Jewett	5.00
Mrs. Walter Sheive	5.00
Mrs. William T. Carter	5.00
Contribution-Cash	1.00
Miss Caroline Haynes	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broom	5.00
Miss Alice J. Clapp	100.00
Mrs. Elinor F. Carpenter	5.00
Mrs. W. Forsythe	5.00
General Society Daughters of the Revolution—New York Mrs. George S. Monfort, Treas. General	5.00
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Mr. Marshall T. Farra	5.00
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Miss Mary Louise Hinckley	5.00
Mrs. Eva K. Bowlly	5.00
Miss Euphemia M. Mann	1.00
Miss Gertrude L. Mann	1.00
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Mr. W. H. Pearson	25.00
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Mrs. Lewis L. Smith	5.00
Mrs. H. G. Green	5.00
	$1175.00

NEW MEMBERS

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Mrs. Charles E. Post	1.00
Miss Mary Louise Beardsley	1.00
Mr. John Beardsley	1.00
Mr. Richard Beardsley	1.00
Mrs Athalia L. T. Kendall	5.00
Mr. Benjamin R. Walker	5.00
Mrs. Benjamin R. Walker	5.00
Miss Virginia Walker	5.00
Miss Ellen Hart Walker	5.00
Mrs. Albin D. Pennington	5.00
Mrs. Annie Hughes	1.00
Mrs. Minnis W. Brown	1.00
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Mrs. Elizabeth S. Dove	1.00
Miss Lucile Ann Chapin	1.00
Mr. Wm. J. Reihle	5.00
Miss Mary Lamb du Sossoit	5.00
Miss Gertrude Hallman	1.00
	$51.00

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Mr. Edward L. Blabon	5.00
Mr. Francis Rawle, Jr.	5.00
Dr. Frank Wells	5.00
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Mrs. John L. Lewis	25.00
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Mrs. J. A. Whitaker	5.00
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Miss M. B. Niles	5.00
Mr. Fred J. Peters	5.00
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Mrs. Edward Buckley, Jr.	5.00
Rev. Alexander Leo	5.00
Miss Annie Butterworth	5.00
Mrs. A. S. Buchanan	5.00
Mrs. John Rex	5.00
Miss Marie R. Yost	5.00
George Spicer, M. D.	5.00
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Mr. Charles C. Baker	5.00
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Mrs. J. L. Dillon	5.00

Mrs. R. C. Coleman	5.00
Mrs. E. J. Wheeler	2.00
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Mrs. Marion Walker Drake	5.00
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Miss Katherine Howell	5.00
Mrs. Lawshe Baird	5.00
Mr. Eugene A. Rau	5.00
Mr. Seth Marshall	5.00
Mr. Nathan T. Folwell	5.00
Mrs. T. W. Bebout	5.00
William G. Miller, M. D.	5.00
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Mrs. James N. Stone	5.00
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Mrs. Wm. J. Bennett	5.00
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Mr. Lyman A. Kratz	5.00
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Mrs. Benjamin Harrison	5.00
Miss E. L. Benjamin	5.00
Mrs. Joseph Hearn	5.00
Mr. Edward U. Kane	5.00
Mrs. John Meigs	5.00
Mrs. H. G. Green	5.00
Mrs. A A. Johnson	5.00
Mrs. T. H. Baldwin	5.00
Mr. William H. Smith	5.00
Mrs. William H. Smith	5.00
Miss Mary A. DeChant	5.00
	$552.00

THE WASHINGTON INAUGURAL ORGAN

When Washington was first inaugurated President of the United States April 31, 1789, he and the Vice President, accompanied by a large number of people went to St. Paul's Chapel for divine service. This was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Provost, Bishop of New York and Chaplain of Congress.

The pipe organ, one of the few in America at that time, used in the service was afterwards sold to St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, Mass. Here it served for many years leading the praises of the people. This venerable parish has been greatly blessed in its worship of God and the service of His people. Through this it was possible to replace the old historic organ with a fine modern instrument.

The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, actuated by a fine patriotic spirit presented the organ to the Washington Memorial Chapel and the Valley Forge Historical Society to be preserved next to the Chapel as a memorial of the First Inauguration of Washington and to be held as a sacred trust by the Historical Society and the Chapel. The only part of the Organ retained by St. Michael's is the old front, with its gilded pipes, etc..

Dr. Burk plans to have the organ set up and hopes to arrange for its use at stated times, if this can be done, so that visitors may hear the organ which Washington heard at his First Inauguration.

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL PEACE CHIME"

The contract for the "Star Spangled Banner National Peace Chime", has been awarded to Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, New York, a firm of bell casters which is celebrating its centennial this year. The Chime will be ready for dedication on the afternoon of July 4, when Mr. Andrew E.

Meneely will be present and play the musical parts of the program on the bells. Unfortunately nothing has been done in North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia to provide a State Bell. The patriotic citizens of Rhode Island are now raising the money for the State Bell. Mr. William Ely has made the happy suggestion that the Rhode Island State Bell should be called the General Nathaniel Greene Bell in honor of its great soldier and citizen, who did so much for our Nation's Independence. For the New York State Bell, which is being given by the New York Society,Daughters of the American Revolution, Edward Markham has written the following poem:

Thunder, O Empire Bell,
The deathless glory tell---
Tell of the Winter sleet,
Starved men and bleeding feet,
And Washington kneeling alone
On frozen earth and stone.
Send down their courage and high desire
Upon our souls as sacred fire.

SAFETY FIRST!

More than a year ago the representatives of the Highway Department and officers of the Valley Forge Historical Society, and the Montgomery County Historical Society and citizens of Gulph Mills were in conference in regard to the preservation of the famous Gulph Rock and the preservation of life at that point. J. Aubrey Anderson, Esq., a Vice-President of the Valley Forge Historical Society, whose wife gave the Overhanging Rock to our Society, offered to give to the Commonwealth all the stone required to build up the retaining wall along the creek if the Department would widen the road at this point. All agreed that the Overhanging Rock under which Washington and his men marched through the gorge on the way to Valley Forge, December 19, 1777, should be preserved, but also that the public should be protected by moving the road over so that hereafter no vehicle could pass under the Rock. The excellence of the road now tempts drivers to drive fast through the narrow defile, and accidents have happened and will happen as long as this condition remains. Dr. Burk has since laid this matter before Governor Pinchot, who brought it to the attention of the Highway Department, but nothing has been done. In the next few months all roads leading to Valley Forge will be congested as never before in their history. Long before May 31 this work should be done for the safety of the traveling public. It is well to rember that three great objects will be attained by widening the road at the Overhanging Rock. (1) It will preserve the Commonwealth's greatest natural monument of Washington and his heroic men. (2) It will make travel safe for all vehicles. (3) And not least, it will make a safety zone for pedestrians, who still have the right to live.

Annual Report of Miss Annie B. Moloney, Treasurer

VALLEY FORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUDITOR'S REPORT

CLASSIFICATION OF BALANCES
JUNE 15, 1925.

Museum	$ 7,243.26
Library	1,120.00
Victory Hall	368.00
Portraits	143.50
Ground	45.55
Building (Washington Room	1,867.91
Birthday	42.75
General	456.18
Campaign	162.60
Steps of Fame	200.00
Victory Hall Land	3,381.37
Wasshington Hall	312.48
Relic Fund	144.90
Gulph Rock	120.27
Lafayette Bay	10,000.00
Total	$20,960.59

VALLEY FORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INDEBTEDNESS
AS OF JUNE 15, 1925.

GENERAL:		
Norristown Press	$ 211.00	
Norristown Times Herald	500.00	
Dr. Burk (Postage)	246.37	
D. Vorhees	250.00	$1,207.37
CAMPAIGN		
John C. Winston Co.		$ 280.00
RELICS		
Dr. Burk (W. L. Washington Cups)	$1,500.00	
W. L. Washington (Cups)	500.00	
Mrs. Burk	$5,000.00	$7,000.00
SOUVENIRS AND CARDS		
Moore and Gibson Corp.	$211.89	
Charles Paist Co.	25.00	
Bussa Studio and Art Shop	142.50	$ 379.39
Total		$8,866.76

VALLEY FORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

June 14, 1924, to June 15, 1925.

Accounts	Balances 6–14–24	Receipts	Total	Paid	Balances 6–15–25
Museum	$ 6,534.40	$ 1,728.17	$ 8,262.57	$ 1,019.31	$ 7,243.26
Library	1,110.00	10.00	1,120.00		1,120.00
Victory Hall	257.00	111.00	368.00		368.00
Portrait	143.50		143.50		143.50
Ground	45.55		45.55		45.55
Building (Washington Room)	1,214.43	534.00	680.43	1,187.48	1,867.91
Birthday	331.75	211.00	542.75	500.00	42.75
		1,606.00			
General	2,097.58	7,620.04	7,128.46	7,584.64	456.18
Marquee	1,809.00	(Transfer to General)		1,809.00	
Campaign	162.60		162.60		162.60
Steps of Fame	200.00		200.00		200.00
Victory Hall Land	3,277.63	Int. 103.74	3,381.37		3,381.37
		3.48			
Washington Hall	147.00	162.00	312.48		312.48
Relic Fund	.55	181.35	181.90	37.00	144.90
Parker Paintings	203.00	(Transfer to General)		203.00	
Gulph Rock		355.10	355.10	234.83	120.27
Lafayette Bay		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00
Totals	$10,503.97	$22,265.88	$31,523.85	$12,169.26	$20,960.59

H. JOSEPH, WEINBERG,

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